

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for treating a pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity, the method comprising the step of locally administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin to or to the vicinity of a pressure sore of a patient not having contractures or spasticity, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin is less than an amount that would be used to paralyze a muscle, without reducing spasticity of a muscle, thereby treating a pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.
3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum toxin type A.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is administered in an amount of between about 1 unit and about 3,000 units.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration is by topical or subcutaneous administration of the botulinum toxin.
6. (currently amended) A method for treating a pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity, the method comprising the step of locally administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin to a pressure sore or to the vicinity of a pressure sore of the patient not having contractures or spasticity, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin is less than an

amount that would be used to paralyze a muscle without reducing spasticity of a muscle, thereby treating the pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity by facilitating healing of the pressure sore.

7. (currently amended) A method for preventing development of a pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity, the method comprising the step of locally administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin to or to the vicinity of a pressure point of a patient not having contractures or spasticity, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin is less than an amount that would be used to paralyze a muscle without reducing spasticity of a muscle, thereby preventing development of a pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

9. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum toxin type A.

10. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the botulinum toxin is administered in an amount of between about 5 units and about 25,000 units.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the administration is by topical or subcutaneous administration of the botulinum toxin.

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A method for treating a pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity, the method comprises the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin type A to a pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin is less than an amount that would be used to

paralyze a muscle without reducing spasticity of a muscle, thereby treating the pressure sore unrelated to contractures or spasticity.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the pressure sore is a result of immobility of the patient not having contractures or spasticity.

15. (previously presented) A method for treating a pressure sore occurring in an area as a result of pressure from lying in bed or sitting in a wheelchair and that is not related to contractures or spasticity, the method comprising the step of locally administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin to or to the vicinity of a pressure sore of a patient that is not related to having contractures or spasticity, thereby treating a pressure sore occurring in an area as a result of pressure from lying in bed or sitting in a wheelchair and that is not related to contractures or spasticity.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum toxin type A.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the botulinum toxin is administered in an amount of between 1 unit and about 3,000 units.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the administration is by topical or subcutaneous administration of the botulinum toxin.

20. (new) A method for treating a pressure sore not associated with a muscle spasm, the method comprising the step of locally administering a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin to or to the vicinity of a pressure sore of a patient not associated with a muscle or spasm, wherein the local administration

of the botulinum toxin does not paralyze a muscle, thereby treating a pressure sore not associated with a muscle spasm, without paralyzing a muscle.